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Governor Corbett Announces New Veterans Designation on Driver Licenses and Identification Cards

Harrisburg – Surrounded by veterans and members of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Governor Tom Corbett today kicked off the new Veterans Designation for Pennsylvania driver's licenses and identification cards.

The designation, an American flag with the word "Veteran" beneath it, will appear on the front of the license or identification card.

"The brave men and women who put their lives on the line as part of their service to this country deserve to be fully recognized for their efforts," Corbett said. "Today, I am proud to be here as we kick off one more way we honor the service of our veterans here in Pennsylvania."

Qualified applicants for a Veterans Designation include those who have received a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty/DD214 or equivalent, for service in the United States Armed Forces, including a reserve component, or the National Guard who were discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

There is no fee for the Veterans Designation, however regular renewal or duplicate fees still apply. Forms for driver's license or ID renewals and duplicates now have a box for applicants to certify that they are a veteran, and to have the designation added. Once the Veterans Designation has been added to a driver's license or identification card, it will automatically appear each time the card is renewed.

Veterans holding a non-commercial driver's license or identification card can immediately apply for the designation by visiting www.dmv.state.pa.us and clicking on the American Flag/Veterans Designation icon.

"The veterans designation on driver's licenses and identification cards now provides immediate recognition for veterans who may not otherwise have any military identification," said Maj. Gen. Wesley Craig, adjutant general of Pennsylvania. "While participation is completely voluntary, it allows veterans to qualify for discounts or other benefits that they are eligible for."

To renew a commercial driver's license (CDL) and add the Veterans Designation, applicants must complete and mail in a DL-143CD form and applicable fees. To obtain a duplicate CDL with the Veterans Designation, applicants must complete and mail in a DL-80CD form and applicable fees.

The designation was authorized by Act 176 of 2012.